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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-10 have been rejected.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended in this submission. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

First, the Examiner objected that the limitation "go to the address . . . said selected location" is unclear. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 6 to recite "select in its stead a new location pointed to by the address pointer for said selected location and repeat until the lastly selected location is not occupied[.]"

Second, the Examiner objected that the limitation "store the pointer . . . selected location" is unclear. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 6 to recite "store the pointer to said next packet in said selected location[.]"

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Third, the Examiner objected that the limitation "modify all output queue addresses . . . output queue" is unclear and confusing. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 6 to recite "modify the address pointers for all output queue locations examined in step f to point to the first unoccupied location in the output queue that is beyond the location accessed in step g[.]"

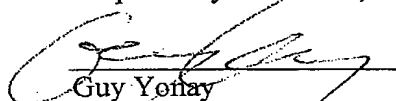
In addition to the above responses to the Examiner's objections, Applicants have further amended claims 1 and 6 for the purpose of clarifying the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments to claims 1 and 6 clarify the claims (without limiting their scope in any way) so as to make those claims allowable. In addition, claims 2-5 and 7-10, which depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 6 are also deemed allowable. In view of the foregoing remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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